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REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 25-26 and 28-31 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 3 and 5-7 have been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 3, 5-8 and 25 are independent.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 8 and 25 are allowed, and that claim 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are allowable.

These amendments are made only to more particularly point out the invention for the Examiner and not for narrowing the scope of the claims or for any reason related to a statutory requirement for patentability.

Applicant also notes that, notwithstanding any claim amendments herein or later during prosecution, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements.

During a personal interview with Examiners Geyer and Cuneo on May 27, 2003, the Examiners requested an amendment to claims 1, 3 and 5-7 to clarify that the adhesive layer includes an adhesive surface facing away from said semiconductor chip in order to distinguish over the Examiners' interpretation that any bond between the protective film and the semiconductor chip as disclosed by the conventional semiconductor devices may be read on by the adhesive layer language.

Applicant also thanks Examiner Geyer for the telephone interviews on May 30, 2003 and June 2, 2003. More particularly, the Applicant thanks Examiner Geyer for indicating during the telephone interview on June 2, 2003 that this Supplemental Amendment places the application into condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-9, 25-26 and 28-31, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that I am filing this Supplemental Amendment by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Examiner Scott B. Geyer, Group Art Unit 2829 at fax number (703) 746-3923 this 5th day of June, 2003.


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